



SPONSOR: Sen. Lopez on behalf of all Senators & Rep. Hensley on  
behalf of all Representatives

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

PROCLAIMING MAY 2017, CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about  
2 30,000 children and adults in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, about 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed every year; and

4 WHEREAS, more than 75% of patients are diagnosed by age two; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 45% of the cystic fibrosis patient population is age 18 or older;

6 WHEREAS, in the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school; and

7 WHEREAS, many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond with the median  
8 survival age of 37; and

9 WHEREAS, advances in research and medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for children and  
10 adults with cystic fibrosis; and

11 WHEREAS, through the drug development pipeline of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, significant progress in the  
12 search for new treatments and a cure for this disease are being achieved; and

13 WHEREAS, the FDA approved lumacoftor/ivacaftor, a member of a new generation of treatments that directly  
14 target faulty CFTR proteins, for an additional 2,400 children in the U.S. in 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, promoting public awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis should bring more support for  
16 critical research to achieve the goals of enhancing research programs and finding a cure;

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring  
19 therein, that May 2017, is proclaimed Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Delaware.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be presented to the Cystic Fibrosis  
21 Foundation.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution proclaims May 2017, Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Delaware.

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